

c.) Remarks:

The claims are 1-13, with claims 1 and 11 being independent. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8 and 9 have been amended solely as to matters of form unrelated to patentability. Reconsideration of the claims is expressly requested.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The reasons for the rejection are set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. The claims have been amended to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Withdrawal of the rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner required restriction between process claims 1-10 of Group I and apparatus claims 11-13 of Group II. In response, Applicant provisionally elected with traverse Group I, claims 1-10, drawn to a method of manufacturing. Under M.P.E.P. §821.04 Applicant requests rejoinder of the claims of Group II, claims 11-13, upon allowance of the claims of Group I. The elected claims of Group I are directed to a method of manufacture which employs the apparatus of the claims of Group II. Accordingly, upon allowance of the process-to-use claims it is submitted that the underlying apparatus claims should be rejoined under M.P.E.P. §821.04. If so, Applicant requests an opportunity to amend claims 11-13. If rejoinder is not permitted then the Examiner can cancel claims 11-13 as non-elected.

No art rejection has been advanced.

There being no further rejections, it is respectfully requested that the claims be allowed and that the case be passed to issue.

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